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[redacted]**NORTH KOREA: Trying To Justify Reprocessing Plant**

After IAEA Director General Blix announced on Saturday that North Korea is building a reprocessing plant at Yongbyon, South Korean Foreign Minister Yi Sang-Ok reportedly said Seoul will await details from next month's formal inspection before responding to the apparent violation of the North's bilateral pledge not to build reprocessing facilities. P'yongyang told Blix it will import equipment from unidentified suppliers to finish the plant, which is to produce plutonium to support development of future fast-breeder reactor or mixed oxide fuel. North Korean officials also told Blix the reactor sites under construction that he toured are dedicated to producing electricity, and Blix saw power distribution equipment there. [redacted]

Comment: The North probably will tell Seoul the facility is only a laboratory and will claim it does not violate the bilateral agreement, but P'yongyang's nascent nuclear program has no legitimate need for the reprocessing plant. [redacted]

[redacted] The reactors at Yongbyon can produce electricity while producing plutonium. [redacted] CIA, DIA-

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